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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK			
IN RE WORLD TRADE CENTER DISASTER SITE LITIGATION	21 MC 100 (AKH)		
ANDREW BENFANTE AND SHIRLEY BENFANTE	DOCKET NO.		
Plaintiffs,	CHECK-OFF ("SHORT FORM") COMPLAINT RELATED TO THE		
- against -	MASTER COMPLAINT		
A RUSSO WRECKING, ET. AL.,	PLAINTIFF(S) DEMAND A TRIAL BY JURY		
SEE ATTACHED RIDER,			
Defendants.			
By Order of the Honorable Alvin K. Hellerstein, United States District Judge, dated June 22, 2006, ("the Order"), Amended Master Complaints for all Plaintiffs were filed on August 18, 2006.			
NOTICE (OF ADOPTION		
All headings and paragraphs in the Master Complaint are applicable to and are adopted by the instant $Paintiff(s)$ as if fully set forth herein in addition to those paragraphs specific to the individual $Paintiff(s)$, which are listed below. These are marked with an ' \square '' if applicable to the instant $Paintiff(s)$, and specific case information is set forth, as needed, below.			
Plaintiffs, ANDREW BENFANTE AND SHI WORBY GRONER EDELMAN & NAPOLI BERN, allege:			

I. PARTIES

A. PLAINTIFF(S)

and a chizen	of New York residing at P.O.	(OR)		
2.	Alternatively, \square	is the	of Decedent	
	, and brings this claim in	n his (her) capacity as o	f the Estate of	
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3. York residing Injured Plaint	g at P.O. Box 372, New York, NY 1002 tiff: SPOUSE at all relevant times: ANDREW BENFANTE, and the injuries sustained by her his	hafter the "Derivative Plaintiff"), is a citizen of New 280000, and has the following relationship to the herein, is and has been lawfully married to Plaintiff brings this derivative action for her (his) loss due to usband (his wife), Plaintiff ANDREW BENFANTE. Other:	
4. Union of One	In the period from 9/11/2001 to 8/14/2 erating Engineers as a Operator at:	2002 the Injured Plaintiff worked for International	
-		Illing in the following dates and locations	
The World Trade Center Site Location(s) (i.e., building, quadrant, etc.) From on or about 9/11/2001 until 8/14/2002; Approximately 12 hours per day; for Approximately 285 days total. The New York City Medical Examiner's Office From on or about until, Approximately hours per day; for Approximately days total. The Fresh Kills Landfill From on or about until; Approximately hours per day; for Approximately hours per days total.		The Barge From on or about <u>To Be Provided</u> until <u>To Be Provided</u> Approximately <u>To Be Provided</u> hours per day; for Approximately <u>To Be Provided</u> days total. ■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■	
		Non-WTC Site building or location. The injure plaintiff worked at the address/location, for the dates alleged, for the hours per day, for the tota days, and for the employer, as specified below:	
		From on or about until; Approximately hours per day; for Approximately days total; Name and Address of Non-WTC Site Building/Worksite:	
	<u> </u>	aper if necessary. If more space is needed to specify rate sheet of paper with the information.	
5.	Injured Plaintiff		
	above; ✓ Was exposed to and inhaled or dates at the site(s) indicated above;	noxious fumes on all dates, at the site(s) indicated ringested toxic substances and particulates on all or touched toxic or caustic substances on all dates at	

6.

Injured	1 Plaintiff
V	Has not made a claim to the Victim Compensation Fund. Pursuant to \$405(c)(3)(B)(i) of the Air Transportation Safety and System Stabilization Act, 49 U.S.C. § 40101, the issue of waiver is inapplicable.
	Made a claim to the Victim Compensation Fund that was denied. Pursuant to $\$405(c)(3)(B)(i)$ of the Air Transportation Safety and System Stabilization Act, 49 U.S.C. $\$40101$, the issue of waiver is inapplicable.
	Made a claim to the Victim Compensation Fund, that was subsequently withdrawn by Ground-Zero Plaintiff. Pursuant to § 405(c)(3)(B)(i) of the Air Transportation Safety and System Stabilization Act, 49 U.S.C. § 40101, the issue of waiver is inapplicable.
	Made a claim to the Victim Compensation Fund that was granted. Pursuant to § 405(c)(3)(B)(i) of the Air Transportation Safety and System Stabilization Act, 49 U.S.C. § 40101, Ground Zero-Plaintiff has waived her/his right(s) to pursue any further legal action for the injuries identified in said claim.

B. DEFENDANT(S)

The following is a list of all Defendant(s) named in the Master Complaint. If checked, all paragraphs pertaining to that Defendant are deemed pleaded herein.

✓ THE CITY OF NEW YORK	☑ A RUSSO WRECKING
☐ A Notice of Claim was timely filed and	☑ ABM INDUSTRIES, INC.
served on and	☑ ABM JANITORIAL NORTHEAST, INC.
pursuant to General Municipal Law §50-	☑ AMEC CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT,
	INC.
h the CITY held a hearing on(OR)	☑ AMEC EARTH & ENVIRONMENTAL, INC.
☐ The City has yet to hold a hearing as	☑ ANTHONY CORTESE SPECIALIZED
required by General Municipal Law §50-h	HAULING, LLC, INC.
\square More than thirty days have passed and	☑ ATLANTIC HEYDT CORP
the City has not adjusted the claim	☑ BECHTEL ASSOCIATES PROFESSIONAL
(OR)	CORPORATION
☑ An Order to Show Cause application to	☑ BECHTEL CONSTRUCTION, INC.
deem Plaintiff's (Plaintiffs') Notice of	☑ BECHTEL CORPORATION
Claim timely filed, or in the alternative to grant	☑ BECHTEL ENVIRONMENTAL, INC.
Plaintiff(s) leave to file a late Notice of Claim	☑ BERKEL & COMPANY, CONTRACTORS,
Nunc Pro Tunc (for leave to file a late Notice of	INC.
Claim <i>Nunc Pro Tunc</i>) has been filed and a	☑ BIG APPLE WRECKING & CONSTRUCTION
determination	CORP
☐ is pending	☐ BOVIS LEND LEASE, INC.
☑ Granting petition was made on 7/9/07	☑ BOVIS LEND LEASE LMB, INC.
☐ Denying petition was made on	☑ BREEZE CARTING CORP
	☑ BREEZE NATIONAL, INC.
☑ PORT AUTHORITY OF NEW YORK AND	☑ BRER-FOUR TRANSPORTATION CORP.
NEW JERSEY ["PORT AUTHORITY"]	☑ BURO HAPPOLD CONSULTING ENGINEERS,
✓ A Notice of Claim was filed and served	P.C.
pursuant to Chapter 179, §7 of The	☑ C.B. CONTRACTING CORP
Unconsolidated Laws of the State of New	☑ CANRON CONSTRUCTION CORP
York on 11/2/06	☐ CONSOLIDATED EDISON COMPANY OF
✓ More than sixty days have elapsed since	NEW YORK, INC.
the Notice of Claim was filed, (and)	☑ CORD CONTRACTING CO., INC
the PORT AUTHORITY has	\square CRAIG TEST BORING COMPANY INC.
adjusted this claim	☑ DAKOTA DEMO-TECH
✓ the PORT AUTHORITY has not	☑ DIAMOND POINT EXCAVATING CORP
adjusted this claim.	☑ DIEGO CONSTRUCTION, INC.
	☑ DIVERSIFIED CARTING, INC.
□ 1 WORLD TRADE CENTER, LLC	✓ DMT ENTERPRISE, INC.
☐ 1 WTC HOLDINGS, LLC	☑ D'ONOFRIO GENERAL CONTRACTORS
☐ 2 WORLD TRADE CENTER, LLC	CORP
□ 2 WTC HOLDINGS, LLC	☑ EAGLE LEASING & INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY
, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	✓ EAGLE ONE ROOFING CONTRACTORS INC.
☐ 4 WORLD TRADE CENTER, LLC	☐ EAGLE SCAFFOLDING CO, INC.
☐ 4 WTC HOLDINGS, LLC	☑ EJ DAVIES, INC. ☑ EN-TECH CORP
5 WORLD TRADE CENTER, LLC	
5 WTC HOLDINGS, LLC	☐ ET ENVIRONMENTAL
☐ 7 WORLD TRADE COMPANY, L.P.	□EVANS ENVIRONMENTAL

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PHILLIPS AND JORDAN, INC.

☑ PINNACLE ENVIRONMENTAL CORP

☑ PLAZA CONSTRUCTION CORP.

✓ PRO SAFETY SERVICES, LLC

☑ PT & L CONTRACTING CORP

☐ REGIONAL SCAFFOLD & HOISTING CO,

☑ ROBER SILMAN ASSOCIATES

☑ ROBERT L GEROSA, INC

✓ RODAR ENTERPRISES, INC.

✓ ROYAL GM INC.

☑ SAB TRUCKING INC.

✓ SAFEWAY ENVIRONMENTAL CORP

☑ SEASONS INDUSTRIAL CONTRACTING

☑ WOLKOW-BRAKER ROOFING CORP ✓ WORLD TRADE CENTER PROPERTIES. ☑ WSP CANTOR SEINUK GROUP ☑ YANNUZZI & SONS INC ✓ YONKERS CONTRACTING COMPANY, INC. ✓ YORK HUNTER CONSTRUCTION, LLC ☑ ZIEGENFUSS DRILLING, INC. ☐ OTHER:

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☐ Non-WTC Site Building Owner	☐ Non-WTC Site Building Managing Agent
Name:	Name:
Business/Service Address:	
Building/Worksite Address:	Building/Worksite Address:
☐ Non-WTC Site Lessee	· ·
Name:	
Business/Service Address:	
Building/Worksite Address:	

II. JURISDICTION

The Court's jurisdiction over the subject matter of this action is:						
Stabil	☐ Founded upon Federal Question Jurisdiction; specifically; ☐; Air Transport Safety & System Stabilization Act of 2001, (or); ☐ Federal Officers Jurisdiction, (or); ☐ Other (specify):; ☑ Contested, but the Court has already determined that it has removal jurisdiction over this action, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1441.					
	III CAUSES OF ACTION					
of lial	Plaintiff(s) seeks damages against the above named defendants based upon the following theories of liability, and asserts each element necessary to establish such a claim under the applicable substantive law:					
V	Breach of the defendants' duties and obligations pursuant to the New York State Labor Law(s) including §§ 200 and 240	V	Common Law Negligence, including allegations of Fraud and Misrepresentation			
V	Breach of the defendants' duties and obligations pursuant to the New York State Labor Law 241(6)		 ✓ Air Quality; ✓ Effectiveness of Mask Provided; ✓ Effectiveness of Other Safety Equipment Provided 			
	Pursuant to New York General Municipal Law §205-a		(specify:); ✓ Other(specify): Not yet determined			
	Pursuant to New York General Municipal Law §205-e		Wrongful Death			
		V	Loss of Services/Loss of Consortium for Derivative Plaintiff			
		V	Pursuan to 46 U.S.C. § 688 <i>et seq.</i> , and 28 U.S.C. § 1333.			

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1. As a direct and proximate result of defendant's culpable actions in the rescue and/or recovery and/or construction, renovation, alteration, demolition and all work performed at the premises, the Injured Plaintiff sustained (including, but not limited to) the following injuries:

	Cancer Injury: N/A. Date of onset: Date physician first connected this injury to WTC work:	[Cardiovascular Injury: N/A. Date of onset: Date physician first connected this injury to WTC work:
▼	Respiratory Injury: Respiratory Problems; Sinus and/or Nasal Problems Date of onset: To be supplied at a later date Date physician first connected this injury to WTC work: To be supplied at a later date		\	Fear of Cancer Date of onset: To be supplied at a later date Date physician first connected this injury to WTC work: To be supplied at a later date
	Digestive Injury: N/A. Date of onset: Date physician first connected this injury to WTC work:	[V	Other Injury: Joints aching/pains, numbness Date of onset: To be supplied at a later date Date physician first connected this injury to WTC work: To be supplied at a later date

NOTE: The foregoing is NOT an exhaustive list of injuries that may be alleged.

2. As a direct and proximate result of the injuries identified in paragraph "1", above, the Ground Zero-Plaintiff has in the past suffered and/or will in the future suffer the following compensable damages:

<u></u>	Pain and suffering	 	Expenses for medical care, treatment, and rehabilitation	
\checkmark	Loss of the enjoyment of life			
		$\overline{\mathbf{V}}$	Other:	
\checkmark	Loss of earnings and/or impairment of		✓ Mental anguish	
	earning capacity		☑ Disability	
			✓ Medical monitoring	
\checkmark	Loss of retirement benefits/diminution of		✓ Other: Not yet determined.	
	retirement benefits			

3. As a direct and proximate result of the injuries described *supra*, the derivative plaintiff(s), if any, have in the past suffered and/or will in the future suffer a loss of the love, society, companionship, services, affection, and support of the plaintiff and such other losses, injuries and damages for which compensation is legally appropriate.

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WHEREFORE, plaintiff(s) respectfully pray that the Court enter judgment in his/her/their favor and against defendant(s) for damages, costs of suit and such other, further and different relief as may be just and appropriate.

 $\label{eq:power_power} Plaintiff(s) \ demands \ that \ all \ issues \ of fact \ in \ this \ case \ be \ tried \ before \ a \ properly \ empane \ lled \ jury.$

Dated: New York, New York October 30, 2007

Yours, etc.,

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Jurisdiction is predicated upon 28 U.S.C. §1331, pursuant to 46 U.S.C. § 688, *et seq*, commonly, and hereafter referred to as the *Jones Act*, and under 28 U.S.C. § 1333, General Maritime and Admiralty Jurisdictions of the United States.

Weeks Marine barges are vessels of United States registry and either are or will be within the jurisdiction of this Court during the pendency of this action.

At all material times Weeks Marine was the owner and/or the owner *pro hoc vice*, and/or the bareboat charter of the barges.

At all material times Weeks Marine managed and/or controlled the barge(s).

Plaintiff's injuries occurred due to the negligence and fault of the defendants, their employees, and/or their agents and servants, in that they failed to have adequate and safe procedures for the seamen on the vessel to safely take on, haul, and remove debris, and dredge there was inadequate supervision, training, safety and health equipment and planning of the job.

The conditions, acts and omissions stated above rendered the barges unseaworthy as did the fact that the vessel was not properly designed to take on, haul, transport, and remove hazardous substances.

As a result of defendants' negligence and the unseaworthiness of the barge, plaintiff incurred loss of wages and found, medical expenses, pain and suffering, and will incur future loss of wages and found, medical expenses, pain and suffering.

ATTORNEY VERIFICATION

CHRISTOPHER R. LOPALO, an attorney at law, duly admitted to practice in the Courts of the State of New York, affirms under the penalties of perjury that:

He is the attorney for the plaintiff(s) in the above-entitled action.

That he has read the foregoing SUMMONS AND VERIFIED COMPLAINT and knows

the contents thereof, and upon information and belief, deponent believes

the matters alleged therein to be true.

The reason this Verification is made by deponent and not by the plaintiff(s) is that the plaintiff(s) herein reside(s) in a county other than the one in which the plaintiff's attorneys maintain their office.

The source of deponent's information and the grounds of his belief are communication, papers, reports and investigation contained in the file.

DATED: New York, New York
October 30, 2007

CHRISTOPHER R. LOPALO

Docket No: UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK ANDREW BENFANTE (AND WIFE, SHIRLEY BENFANTE), Plaintiff(s) - against -A RUSSO WRECKING, ET. AL., Defendant(s). SUMMONS AND VERIFIED COMPLAINT WORBY GRONER EDELMAN & NAPOLI BERN, LLP Attorneys for: Plaintiff(s) Office and Post Office Address, Telephone 115 Broadway - 12th Floor New York, New York 10006 (212) 267-3700 To Attorney(s) for Service of a copy of the within is hereby admitted. Dated, Attorney(s) for PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: \square NOTICE OF ENTRY that the within is a (certified) true copy of an duly entered in the office of the clerk of the within named court on □ NOTICE OF SETTLEMENT that an order of which the within is a true copy will be presented for settlement to the HON. one of the judges of the within named Court, at 20 at $\mathbf{M}.$ Dated, Yours, etc., WORBY GRONER EDELMAN & NAPOLI BERN, LLP